

**111—7.1(216D) History and function.** The Randolph-Sheppard Act (Public Law 74-732), first adopted by Congress in 1936, created a business enterprises program to give priority to the needs of blind persons in securing employment and economic opportunities. This legislation was revised in 1954 (Public Law 83-565) and again in 1974 (Public Law 93-516).

The Iowa business enterprises program prepares individuals in the vocational rehabilitation program to become independent operators of food service facilities by providing training in management skills, food service and sanitation laws, and business systems. The business enterprises program establishes facilities and renders ongoing consultation and management assistance to blind operators.